

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A schedule information system comprising:

schedule data storage means in which users' schedule data are stored;  
information service means for providing users with information; and  
related service search means that searches information service means

- 5 that relate to schedule data stored in the schedule data storage means;

wherein the related service search means includes means which, in  
response to user instructions to search related services or to consult schedule  
data, acquires information from information service means that relate to  
schedule data, and outputs this information to the user.

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2. A schedule information system according to Claim 1, comprising  
information service data storage means in which information summarizing the  
information service means is stored; wherein

the aforementioned related service search means includes means that  
5 searches the information service data storage means in response to user  
instructions or control; and is also provided with means for outputting to the  
user, along with the aforementioned schedule data, information from the  
information service means that have been searched by the related service  
search means.

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3. A schedule information system according to Claim 2, wherein the  
aforementioned information service data storage means includes means for:

storing information relating to the access address and access procedure  
for the information service means; and for

- 5 connecting to the information service means on the basis of the  
aforementioned access address and procedure information that have been

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8. A schedule information system according to Claim 6 or 7, which includes means for acquiring information relating to the aforementioned personal information by connecting to an information service means found by

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12. A schedule information system according to Claim 1, which comprises:  
display means for presenting the user with information acquired from  
an information service means;

animated character image generation means for generating animated

5 character images for displaying on this display means; and

means for displaying the animated character images along with the  
aforementioned acquired information.

13. A schedule information system according to Claim 12, which comprises  
means for selecting a display scenario that is appropriate for the schedule data;  
and means which, in accordance with the movement pattern obtained by this  
display scenario selection means, displays the aforementioned animated

5 character images and outputs what the character says.

14. A schedule information system according to Claim 2, wherein:

client terminals are connected to a server via a network; and

the aforementioned server contains the aforementioned schedule data  
storage means, related service search means, information service data storage

5 means, and means for outputting to users information acquired from the  
information service means.

15. A schedule information system according to Claim 14, wherein the  
information service data storage means contains Internet location information  
as the address information for accessing the information service means.

16. A schedule information system according to Claim 2, wherein the  
schedule information system is a terminal connectable to an information  
service means via a network; and

this terminal includes the aforementioned schedule data storage means,

5 related service search means, information service data storage means, and  
means for outputting to a user information acquired from an information

service means.

17. A schedule information system according to Claim 16, wherein the information service data storage means contains Internet location information as the address information for accessing the information service means.

18. A storage medium in which software has been stored, this software functioning as a schedule information system according to any of Claims 1 to 17, when installed in an information processing unit.

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